



Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex Player of the Month– OCTOBER 2012

When did you start playing Tennis and why? We moved from Pennsylvania to Surprise in June, 2010. I signed up for Tennis University at the STRC that fall as a way to meet people. I had never played tennis before but I enjoyed the lessons and the people I met in class. My husband, Dean, had never played before and decided to take lessons in January 2011.

Why do you love the game of Tennis Tennis is a great way for us to stay active together and to connect with other people.

What has playing Tennis done for you? Playing tennis has shown us you are never too old to learn something new. We have become more physically fit, agile and focused. We also found we have a high tolerance of the Arizona heat as the temperatures did not stop us from playing in the summertime.

What do you like best about playing at the STRC? As residents of Surprise we are very privileged to have the STRC facility in our community. It is well maintained, the staff is very friendly and the coaches provide excellent training and assistance.

What is your favorite shot to hit? I don't have a refined favorite shot....I guess you can say I'm still working on it. Dean's favorite shot would be connecting with the ball that comes up short. He always seems to get to it and make the shot.

What tips/advice can you share with new players? We think it is important to take lessons, practice and enjoy the game.

Lori & Dean Blank-Oct. 2012